Dear Jim, 9/18/75

After Ed and I left you today there were a whole series of new and pointless problems that confronted us when he phoned in. It made a bad day worse and prolonged it. Finally it worked out and everything seems to be about the way it was except for my nerves and impatience.

Then, tonight, Howard phoned. He is concerned over Jerry's continuing bigshotting amd braintrusting and about the harm a SEPost story by Cyril can do.

The Post apparently approached Jerry on O'Toole's recommendation. If there is any sense in this, aside from proof of unpardonable closeness between Jerry and O(Toole, it has to be that Jerry has run his big mouth off again about my work to O'Toole. There is no other basis on which O'Toole could recommend Jerryx to write an article on the medical evidence. And Jerry is the only possible source.

Howard expect to hear from Jerry and will deal with this in his own way. He knows how I feel about the situation and about Jerry and about what Jerry has done. I have told Howard that I would like him to remind Jerry that I long ago asked for the return of everything he got from me and that he did not do this. I have asked him to remind Jerry that the xerox editions he has are my property and that he got them under certain stipulations he has violated, whether in this case he did or not and that I want all copies of them back. I have asked Howard to convey to Jerry that his intruding into my work and my life has to end and that I will seek what remedies may be available to me if there is any reason to believe that I have any problems or troubles I can trace back to him. Any discussion of what he got from me in confidence is a violation. I am capable of speaking for myself and I have more than once made this clear to Jerry.

You willbe hearing from Jerry. I would appreciate it if you would tell him again that I want every paper of whatever nature he knows is mine back and promptly. He may say he is too busy but that is his problem not mine. He created this situation and he can stop being a bigshot long enough to do what he knows he should and to undo what he knows he should never have done to begin with. That he has created a bad situation is his doing. If trying to undo what he can means problems for him, he made them. He can let other things go and get this done promptly.

Form other situationa you know my feelings about this and that I have decided that whatever I can do to end all of this I must at least try. Unless I do there will never be an end to it. I could even lay a charge of larceny after trust on him and I have the proof because he was careless.

I do not expect Jerry to be either reasonable or honest about this. But I do expect that one way or another I am going to bring this to an end. If I ever have to address myself to him he'll never live it down. I'd prefer not to. But I'd also much prefer not to have these unethical intrusions into my life and my work.

The problem with Jerry is that he is impervious to anything but his ego needs. This means one cannot reason with him easily. I'm past where I'm going to try. I have wasted enormous amount of time trying to, neber with any success. Whether or not Howard can only time will tell. But I am serious about all of this having to stop. I am serious about this fame-seekers misusing my work or even thinking of it. I am not forgetting that quite literally Jerry stole things from me and I am not going to be fogriving if after all my pointedness on this he leaks anything. I think it serves his interest, if not his ego, for him to return everything, including every xerox edition. If you can get accross to him that I am serious and that I am going to be very hard on him if there is any kind of further breech, maybe he stick his selfconcepts and mabitions in a closest somepplace long enough to return all my material and in the course of it forget everything he learned of it....I just don8t want these kinds of troubles and intrusions. particularly on days like this when 17 hours I havebeen able tp dp a damned thing I want to when there is so much I want to do and can and the Jerrys can't and don't. Thanks if you can make the effort. Best,